

# MONTHLY FACTSHEET

30 JUNE 2018

## KEY STATISTICS

Share Price Net Asset Value<sup>1</sup> (NAV) per Share Premium

(Discount)

748.0p 793.8p

(5.8%)

## INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The equity portfolio brings together an alliance of best-in-class<sup>2</sup> equity managers and their best ideas - all at a competitive cost. It provides access to eight managers from around the world each investing only in their top stock selections. Most of these managers are not otherwise available to individual UK investors. The equity portfolio target is to outperform the MSCI All Country World Index by 2% per year after costs over rolling three year periods. Alliance Trust has a progressive dividend policy and has increased its dividend every year for 51 years.

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

Alliance Trust is an investment company with investment trust status. The Trust's objective is to generate a real return for our shareholders over the medium to long term by a combination of capital growth and a rising dividend. The Trust has no fixed asset allocation benchmark, although it mainly invests in global equities, but can use a range of asset classes throughout the world to achieve its objective. The Trust aims to be a core holding for investors seeking to increase the value of their investments over the long term.

## INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE

### ABSOLUTE PERFORMANCE (TOTAL RETURN IN STERLING)



### CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE (%)

To 30 June 2018	Month	YTD		3 Years	5 Years	Since 01.04.17 <sup>8</sup>
Total shareholder return	1.4	1.1	8.8	64.6	96.2	11.7
NAV total return	1.1	2.9	8.8	54.3	77.7	12.3
Equity portfolio return	1.0	2.9	9.7	56.7	80.2	12.9
MSCI ACWI total return	0.3	2.3	9.5	53.3	85.0	10.1

#### DISCRETE PERFORMANCE (%)

From To	30-Jun-17 30-Jun-18	30-Jun-16 30-Jun-17	30-Jun-15 30-Jun-16		
Total shareholder return	8.8	36.4	10.9	11.6	6.9
NAV total return	8.8	27.9	10.8	9.0	5.7
Equity portfolio return	9.7	24.6	14.6	9.1	5.4
MSCI ACWI total return	9.5	22.9	13.9	10.1	9.6

## KEY FACTS

Market £2.543.1M Capitalisation Total Assets<sup>3</sup> £2,941.3M £2,714.1M Net Assets<sup>3</sup> Gross Gearing4 8.4% Net Gearing⁵ 4.8% Net Yield<sup>6</sup> 1.8% Year End 31 December 21 April 1888 Incorporated Dividend Paid Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec Shares in Issue 339,981,955 225,000 shares Buybacks in June at a cost of ATST GB00B11V7W98 **AIC Sector** Global Next AGM April 2019



Alliance Trust has been awarded the AIC's Dividend Hero award and is proud to have over 50 years of consecutive dividend growth.

## CHARGES

Targeted Ongoing Charges Ratio (OCR
OCR 1 Apr 2017 to 31 Dec 2017 <sup>8</sup>
OCR Year to 31 Dec 2017

Less than 0.65%

0.62%

0.54%

Please remember, past performance is not a guide to future performance, and the value of shares and the income from them can rise and fall, so investors may not get back the amount originally invested. Net Asset Value ("NAV") performance is not the same as share price performance and investors may not realise returns the same as NAV performance.

Notes: All data is provided as at 30 June 2018 unless otherwise stated. All figures may be subject to rounding errors. Sources: Investment Performance data is provided by The Bank of New York Mellon Performance & Risk Analytics Europe Limited, Morningstar and MSCI Inc; Key Statistics, Key Facts and Charges data is provided by The Bank of New York Mellon (International) Ltd. In order to report the long-term record of the equity portfolio, the returns of the portfolio prior to its restructure early in April 2017 have been combined with the returns to date of the current portfolio. Equity portfolio return is the return achieved by the eight equity managers and so includes the effect of any of their cash holdings (gross of their fees). Returns are quoted net of withholding taxes (some of which are potentially recovered at a later date) and therefore potentially underestimate the managers' relative performance. NAV total return is based on NAV including income with debt at fair value, after all manager fees (including Willis Towers Watson's fees) and allow for any tax reclaims when they are achieved. The NAV total return shown in the factsheets up to May 2018 was based on NAV excluding income with debt valued at par.

- NAV includes income with debt at fair value. 2. Total borrowings at par divided by net assets. 5.
- As rated by Willis Towers Watson Total borrowings at par minus total cash and equivalents, divided by net assets.
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    - Annual dividend per share divided by share price.

- 7. All Country World Index
- Since Willis Towers Watson assumed responsibility for management of the portfolio.

## TOP 20 HOLDINGS

Nama		01
Name	£m	%
Alphabet	64.4	2.3
Charter		
Communications	45.1	1.6
Microsoft	42.9	1.5
Amazon	42.7	1.5
UnitedHealth		
Group	41.0	1.5
salesforce.com	40.6	1.5
Facebook	38.4	1.4
Western Union	36.3	1.3
Sap Se - ADR	33.6	1.2
Oracle	31.4	1.1
HDFC Bank	30.2	1.1
AIA	29.3	1.1
Infosys - ADR &		
Ordinary	29.3	1.0
Baidu - ADR	28.5	1.0
Ryanair	27.7	1.0
Page Group	27.4	1.0
Anthem	27.3	1.0
HCA Healthcare	26.6	1.0
Reckitt Benckiser	25.8	0.9
Suncor Energy	25.7	0.9

**Top 10 holdings 14.9% Top 20 holdings 24.9%** 

equity managers, given as a percentage of the total assets managed by those managers (including their cash holdings).

A full breakdown of the Trust's portfolio can be viewed at: www.alliancetrust.co.uk

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#### INVESTMENT COMMENTARY

For the month of June, the Trust's total shareholder return, NAV total return and equity portfolio return were 1.4%, 1.1% and 1.0% respectively, outperforming the MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI) which returned 0.3% over the same period.

The Federal Reserve raised interest rates in June for the second time this year, reflecting strong US economic growth and a robust labour market. However, trade concerns continue to weigh heavily on equity markets, with emerging market equities being the most affected. Further US interest rate rises could put increasing pressure on vulnerable emerging market countries which have large current account deficits. In June, stock selection in Europe and the UK, and relative lack of exposure to poorly performing Asia and Emerging Markets, were contributors to the outperformance of the equity portfolio.

Over the quarter, tightening measures from central banks globally have reduced available liquidity, increasing volatility and dispersion in the market. We have not made any changes to our portfolio of managers or target allocations this month. The biggest addition to the portfolio over the month was Equinix, a technology company specializing in internet connection and related services.

## EQUITY MANAGERS % OF EQUITY PORTFOLIO MANAGED



**Andrew Wellington** 

15%

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Asset Management **Andy Headley 15%** 

Ben Whitmore 9% Veritas

**Hugh Sergeant 9%** 

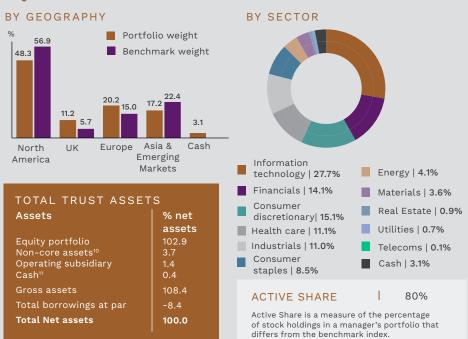


Pierre Py, Greg Herr 12%

George Fraise, Gordon Marchand. Rob Rohn 15%

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# EQUITY PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION



Please remember past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. The value of your investment, and any income from it, may decrease as well as increase and you may not get back the amount you invest. Exchange rate changes may cause the value of overseas investments to go down as well as up. Investment trusts may borrow to finance further investment (gearing). The use of gearing is likely to lead to volatility in the NAV, meaning that a relatively small movement, down or up, in the value of a trust's assets will result in a magnified movement, in the same direction, of that NAV. This may mean that you could get back nothing at all.

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Share investment
Alliance Trust invests primarily in equities and aims to generate capital growth and a progressively rising dividend from its portfolio of investments. Alliance Trust currently conducts its affairs so that its shares can be recommended by Independent Financial Advisers (IFAs) to ordinary retail investors in accordance with the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) rules in relation to non-mainstream investment products and intends to continue to do so for the foreseeable future. The shares are excluded from the FCA's restrictions which apply to non-mainstream investment products because they are shares in an investment trust. The shares in the Trust may also be suitable for institutional investors who seek a combination of capital and income return. Private investors should consider consulting an Independent Financial Adviser who specialises in advising on the acquisition of shares and other securities before acquiring shares. Investors should be capable of evaluating the risks and merits of such an investment and should have sufficient resources to bear any loss that may result.

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- 9. Manages both a global equity and an emerging markets equity portfolio.
  10. Includes private equity, mineral rights, funds and other non-operating subsidiaries.
  11. Cash quoted is centrally held cash and equivalents. The equity portfolio may also hold cash as a result of trading by the underlying managers as shown in the sector table above.